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COMOR 24/8

27 January 1962

MEMORANDUM FOR: Committee on Overhead Reconnaissance
SUBJECT: Proposal for Twice-Monthly
H-2 Coverage of Cuba

Attached for the information and reference of the COMOR is a paper approved by the COMOR at its meeting on 26 January. It has been forwarded in the channels for Special Group action.



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Committee on Overhead Reconnaissance

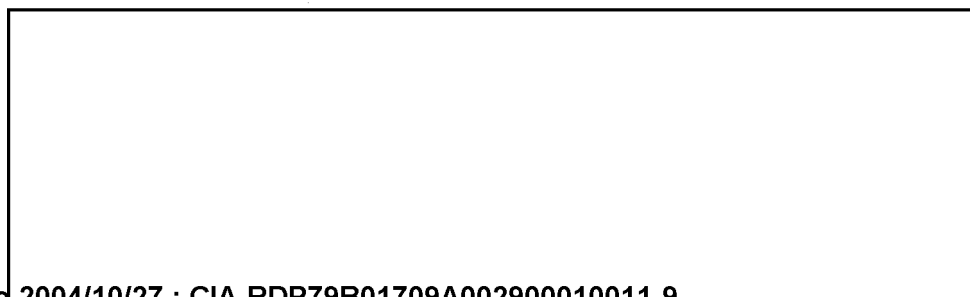
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**SUBJECT: Proposal for Twice-Monthly
U-2 Coverage of Cuba**

1. In recent months U-2 coverage of Cuba has been obtained under a standing approval of the Special Group for U-2 flights over Cuba not to exceed one per month. The JCS now considers that more frequent coverage is necessary. Since it has no authorization for conducting overflight reconnaissance of Cuba with military aircraft, the JCS has requested that approval be given for conducting U-2 missions twice monthly.

2. The justification for this request is the fluidity of the tactical situation. We have long known that the Cubans have been engaged in military preparations in the vicinity of and directed against Guantanamo Naval Base and that there has been a steady influx of Soviet military equipment. Lacking timely and adequate information, the United States forces may suffer tactical surprise and the U.S. might be seriously embarrassed by some military action against the Naval Base.

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3. The COMOR agrees that coverage twice a month is required and recommends that approval be granted. If this recommendation is approved, it is assumed that no further recommendation of COMOR will be required to initiate the flights on a twice per month basis. The COMOR will continue to provide Operations with the targeting information needed for mission planning and will recommend when the frequency of flights should be changed or the flights discontinued.

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